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1. Soviet geologists have discovered uranium ore deposits in the Bakony Mountains of Hungary within the triangle formed by the villages of Ajka, Varosloed, and Csenger. It is not known when the discovery was first made, but it was probably not in the immediate past, since plans for the exploitation of mineral deposits in the Bakony Mountains have been under consideration for some time. The geologists were not originally prospecting for uranium ore, but were rather investigating the extensive iron ore deposits there. An industrial center will be constructed in the region, and work is already under way on an electric power plant on the banks of the Raba River.
2. Manganese ore has been discovered in the Reosk copper mines in the Matrag Mountains. The Reosk copper deposits were originally discovered by the Germans during World War II. Manganese ore is also being mined at Nagybanya. The news of the above-mentioned ore discoveries has been treated with the greatest secrecy in Hungarian official circles.

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